तीन लोग रेलवे बोर्ड के मेम्बर रहेंगे। जो काफी प्रोजेक्ट्स हैं उनके लिए भी रेल विकास निगम प्रोसेस करके फंडिंग के लिए अदर रिसोर्सेस लाने की कोशिश करेगा।

SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Sir, I would like to know how much fund has been allocated for this project, and whether it is going to be raised from the market also.

श्री बंडारू दत्तात्रेय : मैंने कहा है कि इसके लिए फंडिंग में इस वर्ष में, विशेषकर बजट रिसोर्सेस के साथ एक हजार पांच सौ करोड़ रुपए बजट रिसोर्सेस और एक हजार पांच सौ करोड़ रुपए ए.डी.बी. के लोन में हमने लिए हैं। इसके साथ ही साथ पांच हजार करोड़ रुपए भी मार्किट मोबिलाइजेशन के द्वारा हम प्रयास कर रहे हैं।

Allocation for food processing industries in Karnataka

*690. SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) how much allocation was made for the food processing industries of Karnataka, during the year 2002-03;

(b) the percentage of allocations during the same period, State-wise; and

(c) the utilisation of allocated money from Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) : Plan schemes operated by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries are project oriented and not State specific. There is, therefore, no direct allocation of funds to States Financial assistance is extended keeping in view the technical feasibility and financial viability of the projects received from entrepreneurs.

Details of financial assistance extended for major schemes to different states, including Karnataka, during 2002-03 are given below :

Amount in Rs. Lakhs.

Sl. No.	State	2002-03	% allocation to the State
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	124.74	2.61%
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	43.56	0.91%

1	2	3	4
3.	Assam	193.46	4.04%
4.	Gujarat	27.41	0.57%
5.	Haryana	231.00	4.83%
6.	Himachal Pradesh	111.36	2.33%
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	511.22	10.69%
8.	Karnataka	41.85	0.88%
9.	Kerala	179.90	3.76%
10.	Madhya Pradesh	590.03	12.34%
11.	Maharashtra	795.44	16.63%
12.	Manipur	331.86	6.94%
13.	Meghalaya	19.10	0.40%
14.	Orissa	15.58	0.32%
15.	Punjab	323.45	6.76%
16.	Rajasthan	335.53	7.02%
17.	Tamil Nadu	361.54	7.56%
18.	Tripura	63.00	1.32%
19.	Uttar Pradesh	119.14	2.49%
20.	West Bengal	363.54	7.60%
	TOTAL :	4782.71	100.00%

(c) Utilisation certificates for the projects assisted during 2002-03 have not yet become due.

SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN : Sir, in the recent years, the Food Processing Industry has acquired a very important role, not only as an employment provider in the rural areas but also....

MR. CHAIRMAN : Every Member of the House knows it. You put your supplementary.

SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN : I would like to know whether the Central Government has received any proposal from the Karnataka Government. As per the statement which has been given, a very low percentage of assistance, that is, only 0.88 per cent, has been made available to Karnataka; only Rs.41.85 lakhs have been allotted. As compared to the other States, it is very low. Sir, Karnataka has got all the micronutrient environment for producing fruits and vegetables. So, what is the reason that such a low assistance has been given?

SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM : Sir, our plan schemes are project-oriented and not State-specific. Therefore, we do not allocate funds directly to the States. We give assistance to public sector undertakings, private sector and the co-operatives. Therefore, the initiative has to come from the entrepreneurs. But, I would like to say that during the Ninth Plan period, in 1997-98, Rs.145 lakhs was given for various projects; in 1998-99, Rs. 77.78 lakhs were allotted; in 1999-2000, Rs.204 lakhs were allotted; in 2000-01, Rs.68.49 lakhs were allotted; and, in 2001-02, Rs.578.30 lakhs have been allotted. So, a total of Rs.1,074.42 lakhs have been allotted for various projected during the Ninth Plan period. Therefore, initiative has to come from the entrepre neur. And, based on the feasibility of the project, we give the assistance.

SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN : Sir, my second supplementary is this. I would like to know whether the Government of India has received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka. Along with this, I would also like to know whether any corporate sector has approached the Government of India and the State Government to put up Food Processing Industry there. If the hon. Minister can give me the details, I will be grateful to him.

SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM : Sir, the Government is not giving any proposal directly. The public sector undertakings are giving proposals for setting up food parks in Karnataka. Two food parks have been sanctioned so far. For each food park, we are giving assistance of Rs.4,00,00,000. In Karnataka, Mallore and Kolar districts have been given a food park, and also for Bagalkot, we have sanctioned Rs.4,00,00,000 and now released Rs. 2,00,00,000. This amount was granted in 2000-01, and now a small progress has been shown in the food park. Now, they are developing the land and drainage system. Land development is going on. Now, they have to construct cold-storage warehouse with facilities of quality control lab, uninterrupted power and water supplies. They have to expedite the procedure.

SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA : Sir, it is mentioned in the answer that the financial viability will be taken into consideration while allocating funds. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government will come forward to assist financially the women self-help groups for their own development and for the development of the nation and whether if they apply as a group entrepreneur, the Government will come forward to assist them financially.

SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM : Sir, for setting up modernisation and expansion of food processing industries, our Ministry is giving minimum assistance of

25 per cent from the project cost and maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general area. And in the hard area, we are giving 33.33 per cent and maximum of Rs.75 lakhs, that is, in hilly areas, like, Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar, North East, for this we are giving 75 per cent assistance. We are welcoming the women group.

They can also set up food processing industries. We are ready to help them if they come forward. ....*(Interruptions)*....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have got the assurance.

SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Sir, will the Government come forward to give further allocations as mentioned by the Minister? I am expecting furthermore. ....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM : For this we have to go to the Finance Ministry and we have to have the enhanced allocation.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : Sir, the hon. Minister may kindly note that there is red tapism in his department. Proposals are being sent from Karnataka, but, unfortunately, they are not disposed. How many proposals have been sent by Karnataka, and how many proposals have been sanctioned? And what are the reasons behind rejection that you have given to those people who have sent proposals?

SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM : Sir, we have been receiving applications for assistance. After feeding applications into computers, we give registration Nos. and then send these proposals to the concerned officer for perusal. After perusal, if the project is financially viable, we sanction it. I have also given a time-limit of 45 days. If an application is fine, in all respects, it will be sanctioned within 45 days. Otherwise, if there is any clarification required, they will send a letter to the entrepreneur and get the clarifications. This is a continuous process. So far as Karnataka is concerned, we have received 38 applications. These applications are at various stages of processing. If any clarifications are required, we will ask the entrepreneurs to clarify, and after that, we will certainly sanction them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Q. No. 691.

बाढ़ के कारण कृषि भूमि का क्षरण

*691. **श्री ईसाम सिंह : क्या कृषि मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि : (क) क्या 1947 की तुलना में बाढ़ के कारण कृषि भूमि के क्षरण के क्षेत्र में कोई वृद्धि हुई है;